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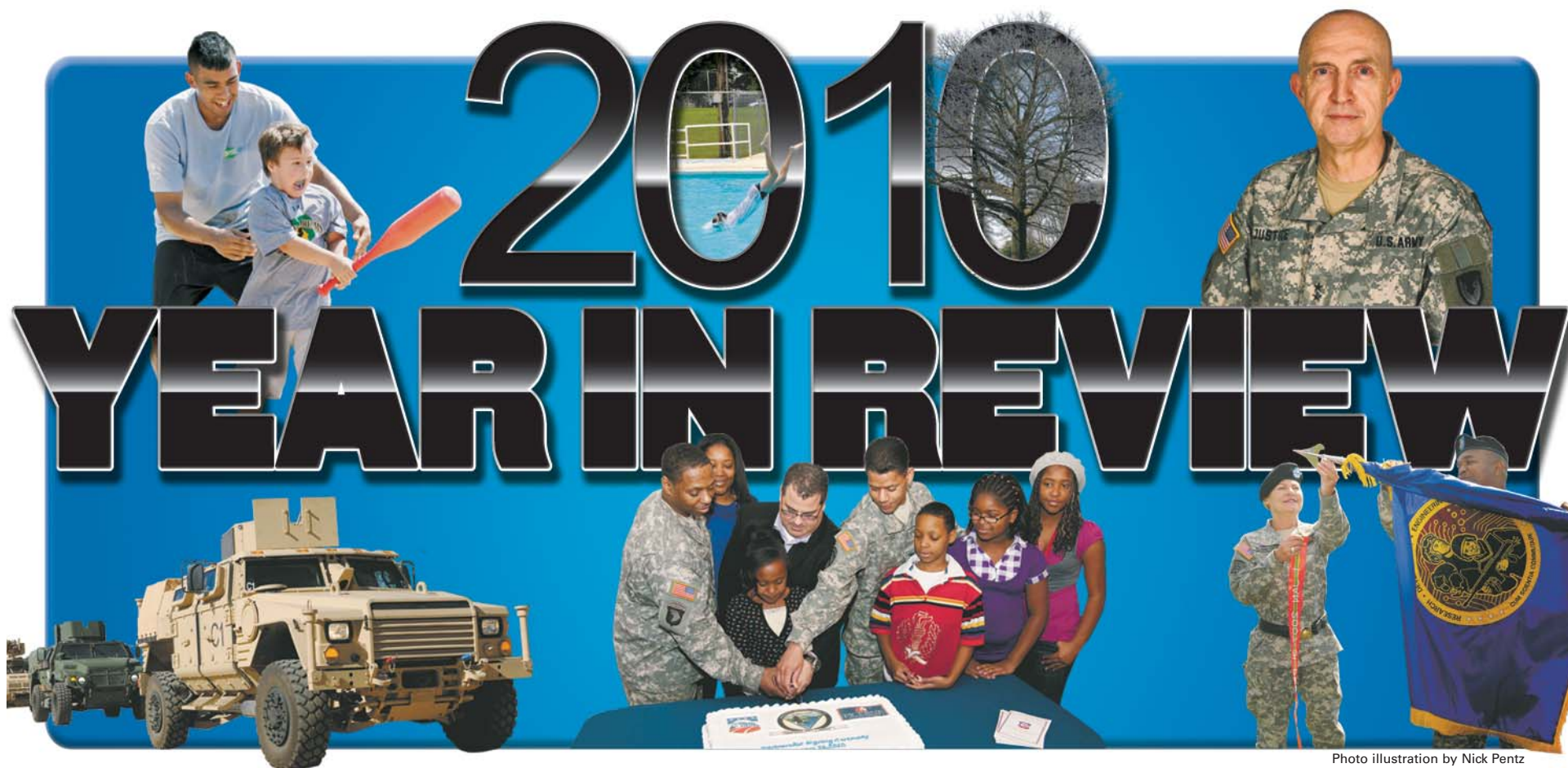


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Beep-beep-beep to New Year

By **GEORGE MERCER**
APG Public Affairs Office

It's early and this particular December morning is warmer than expected. As I make my way to the gym for some reason I have no radio or CD player on in my car. And then I hear it -- The unmistakable sounds of construction.

While there are other sounds mixed in, the heart of the noise is the trucks, bulldozers and cranes roaring and especially the always annoying beep-beep-beep of the trucks backing up. I think, don't they ever go forward? Of course they do, but I'm not going to hear that. For a short time they even block out the sound of the honking Canada geese.

For most of my time at Aberdeen Proving Ground the dominant sound has been the noise of artillery testing. That noise is still what many think of when they think of APG and it certainly is not going away any time soon. But the real sound of APG as we move toward the second decade of the twenty-first century is the noise of construction — or more accurately what is called by planners and leaders: build, renovate and demolish.

If recollection serves, I don't think I remember a time here where there hasn't been something being built or renovated. That may even be the normal course everywhere, but since 2007 it looks and feels like it's been going on in every nook and cranny of the Proving Ground.

No matter what gate you use to come on post, it's there. It's there even as you make your way behind the fence or along the shoreline. It's there where there were older buildings not too long ago. It's there where there were woods and fields. Sometimes it's renovation, an upgrade or just preparation for something else that will come later.

Sometimes it's demolition of a building or facility that has served APG and the Army but needs to make way for the APG and Army of tomorrow. Sometimes it's a brand new facility for a new or expanding installation organization.

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Although I can't claim to have been an essential part of the actual planning for this APG of tomorrow I did have the good fortune of sitting in on meetings and discussions back in the middle of the decade where much of this change was being discussed and molded.

What sticks in my mind is the breadth and depth of the planning that was required to move it along. While much of that planning took place elsewhere a great deal of it took place here — much of it

by you (the reader), your friends and co-workers.

And while that part of the work is not complete and probably will never be, the past three or four years have moved us from the planning and discussing to the bricks and mortar, insulation and computer lines, roads and parking lots, and the incredible number of things that eventually bring it all to life and proper use.

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When asked to write a short essay on 2010 I originally wanted to write about the more than 80 inches of snow that dumped on APG between December 2009 and February 2010. I wanted to write about the thousands of new faces who have become part of the APG family over the past year or will join us soon. I wanted to write about our new missions and teammates and those who have departed or will be soon depart. I wanted to write about the celebrations and commemorations that have marked the passage of our lives here. The congratulations and pats on the back that have come with the many achievements of the past year.

But instead I'll merely remark on the sights and sounds that have shaped and reshaped our working and living environment here. And thank and honor all of those, well-known and unknown, who have made it happen and are making it happen.

And again think of the seemingly ceaseless beep-beep-beep. Don't they ever move forward?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR *YOU*:

The APG News staff gives readers a look back at the stories, the photos, the events that made up the year 2010 at Aberdeen Proving Ground. It would be impossible to include everything, so we've tried to provide a cross-section—not everything, but a tiny little bit of everything.

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A SNEAK PEAK AT

2011:

Keep an eye for:

1. **A redesign of the APG News.** Look for a fresher, more modern reading experience. Updated content and user-friendly graphics will make picking up the newspaper more enjoyable.

2. **A more interactive publication.** The *APG News* staff will be seeking your input throughout the year, starting with a request for Academy Award predictions. Winners will be published in the newspaper.

3. **Two-way communication.** We want to hear what you have to say. Although we cannot guarantee we will run every submission, community members are encouraged to submit letters to the editor. Letters will occasionally run, along with responses from the appropriate agencies, as appropriate.

4. **Your very own stories.** Find out how to submit your story ideas, photos and articles to the APG News by calling 410-278-1150 or e-mailing editor-apg@conus.army.mil.

5. **More link-ups.** Missed the last Community Action Council? No problem. View the Web video online. Looking for a photo of yourself at an event? Check out our Flickr archive. The *APG News* will refer readers to Web sites, where they can download photos associated with stories and events, blog comments or leave feedback about articles, and stay on top of the APG social media power curve.



Op Ed

Commander's Corner

Justice urges APG on to new successes in 2011

Happy New Year to all of us at Aberdeen Proving Ground! I want to start off by congratulating everyone for a successful 2010. We did a tremendous job of supporting the Warfighter.

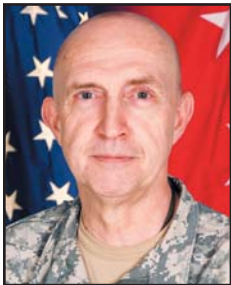
I want to talk to you a little bit about how successful you were in a fast and furious time. We delivered new technologies, tested new equipment and stood ready to support our Army in every way possible. We implemented great new ideas through your creative thinking, innovation and hard work. But the challenge does not end with the ending of last year.

We still face great challenges. Each and every day the men and women of our Armed Forces provide us with opportunities to exceed the standards we've set for ourselves.

I'd like you to focus on how you contribute to empowering, unburdening and protecting those young men and women, our nation's most precious resource, in their task of defending America in a time of war.

I would like to ask you to set a few goals for yourself this year.

In 2011, we're going to move forward and globally engage with our Warfighters by getting closer to those formations to provide clarity to their problems and understand how our contributions can empower them in new and innovative ways.



I'd ask you to stop and think about how you can be proactive instead of reactive. Anticipate the problems our Soldiers face. Ask yourself what you can do to make their equipment more reliable, sustainable, lighter, effective, and more efficient.

I'd ask you to think about how you can reform and transform some of those systems, to reinvent capabilities that they already have to be more efficient, leaner and less of a burden.

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In the past we've made many breakthroughs. These advances didn't happen easily. People had to look deeply into the problems and understand how our technologies get the capabilities to the field.

Sometimes it's not the elegance of the solution, but simplicity that is really of the most value to the Warfighter. I'd ask you to break status quos. Come up with new ideas and new advances in everything we produce. This means from the basic research and science, to the technologies and engineering solutions we develop from it. Great minds and creative people will make that happen for our Army. Whatever you do at Aberdeen Proving Ground, as a service member, Family member, civilian employee or contractor, each of us has a part to play.

In a time when we have to tighten the belt on resources, those resources become incredibly precious and well-focused. The tightening of resources will allow us to focus ourselves better, providing greater synergy and integration into what we do.

In 2011, we're going to hear more about our People, Places, Purse, Processes and Products as we drive more integration into what we've done.

As the Base Realignment and Closure process comes to a close this year, we can expect to see the culmination of rigorous planning and hard work come to fruition. This year, Aberdeen Proving Ground begins its new role as the Army center for science and technology. It's an exciting time to be part of a dynamic team.

I'd ask you to do three things:

- I want you to begin this new year by developing an individual plan and concept of what will define your success, and the success of your team.
- Look to your peers and collaborate with them. Innovation occurs when bright, talented people get together and communicate and talk and argue over ideas, the pluses and minuses, the pro's and con's of everything we do.
- I ask you once again to focus on those young men and women in our Armed Forces in harm's way.

Our Soldiers make an incredible sacrifice in the face of unprecedented challenges. To empower, unburden and find ways to protect them is our calling. There's no one else in the United States Army who does this mission but you.

I wish you all the best this year. Happy New Year!

Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice
U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General

Guest Commentary

In the New Year, get moving!

At the beginning of the year many people are thinking about ways to shed pounds and become more physically fit.

More than 66 percent of Americans are overweight or obese, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, so it's no surprise that weight loss is one of the top resolutions.



New Year's resolutions are, more often than not, broken soon after they are made. From personal experience I know that sticking to an exercise program can be daunting, to say the least.

But lasting change doesn't happen overnight. I believe that one of the keys to staying on track is a positive attitude.

Some people look at exercise as boring or a chore. I choose to look at it as a stress reliever and a chance to improve my energy level and mood.

Staying motivated

This attitude will help me stay motivated on days when I'm tempted to fall back on my couch potato modus operandi.

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According to the National Institute of Health, most adults need at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity at least five days per week. No, typing, talking and texting doesn't count!

Regular physical exercise is a critical part of staying healthy and helps you maintain a better quality of life.

Simply put, active people live longer and feel better. Exercise actually helps the immune system fight off simple bacterial and viral infections, delaying and preventing diabetes, osteoporosis, some cancers and heart problems.

Check. Count me in. These stats are reason enough for me to get moving. My Family has a history of heart disease and diabetes and I don't want to be just another ailing member of the Ponder clan.

Learning to love it

I haven't always had a positive attitude towards exercise. As a pre-teen I had absolutely no interest in sports and dreaded gym class because I felt like I

wasn't athletic enough to participate.

I preferred sedentary activities like reading and playing video games. My mother wisely recognized that I needed a lifestyle change, a lot more exercise than the bare minimum I squeaked out in gym class. Mom decided we would walk together at least every other day. At first I complained—very loudly—as none of my friends were forced to exercise after school.

Over time, however, I began to understand what she was trying to teach me. I even looked forward to my now daily walks, usually with Ginger, my beloved cocker spaniel, by my side. Walking gave me a chance to reflect on and observe life, making it emotionally physically valuable.

Keeping it fresh

Over the years, I've tried new exercises to keep things fresh and myself motivated. During my first week of college I attended a free yoga class for the first time and noticed that not only did yoga improve my flexibility, it reduced my stress level, which helped me deal with the demands of school without

feeling over worked.

Last year, I discovered that even though I have almost no experience dancing, I really enjoy Zumba, a free dance fitness program offered at the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area athletic centers.

This Christmas I received Wii fitness games that combine my longstanding interest in video games with my desire to stay fit. If only these games had been invented when I was in middle school.

Even though I still dislike sports, I like to try to challenge myself by participating in new exercise classes.

I'm no expert, but I really believe that the key to staying motivated and fit is finding the right exercises for you.

If you think an activity is fun, you're more likely to stick with it. Don't want to go it alone? Invite your buddies to join you; have an accountability partner that will keep you on track.

If you've been inactive for awhile, use a sensible approach and start out slowly. Good luck in achieving your fitness goals in 2011!

Rachel Ponder
APG News reporter

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Our Life in Stories

They were amazing. They were kind. They were funny and sad. They were, at times, informative and, at other times, simply entertaining. They were occasionally shocking, sometimes expected, but always newsworthy. Below are some of the top stories published in the *APG News* in 2010. The list contains only a fraction of the articles that documented the life and times of the residents and personnel of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Readers can view any of the published stories at their leisure by visiting the *APG News*’ online archive at <http://apgnews.apg.army.mil/>, and clicking on ARCHIVE.



Photo by Deidre Deroia, APG GARRISON

On of the year’s top stories, installation leadership and community members engaged in round after round of debate after it was discovered that a 203-year-old oak tree had to be removed from the Enhanced Use Lease development area. APG leaders assured community members that portions of the trunk would be used for natural resources and environmental education outreach.

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Transforming APG in 2010

Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Transformation seemed to peak in 2010. New buildings, new roads and new faces were seemingly everywhere, bringing with them countless new names and acronyms to note. Change included fond farewells to not only people, but to the things that once symbolized the installation--the Ordnance enlisted and officer schools and the beloved Anzio Annie railroad gun among these iconic items. While the new C4ISR campus grabbed much of the attention, below is a look back at other events that made *APG News* headlines.

Feb. 4

Garrison, Picerne formalize residential community initiative during Partnership Signing Ceremony at Top of the Bay Jan. 26. Col. Garrison commander, Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, and Picerne president and chief executive officer, John G. Picerne, lead the ceremony.

Feb. 18

Edward C. Thomas, deputy to the commanding general, CECOM Life Cycle Command, takes up residence in temporary office space at APG; the relocation signals the first step in the transition of the CECOM command group to APG.

April 22

Federal Bureau of Investigation establishes a new fraud hotline and opens local office to report and investigate fraud related to government contracts awarded in Maryland and Delaware under the Base Realignment and Closure Act and other Department of Defense initiatives.

May 13

The U.S. Army Environmental Command hosts its final change of command and cases its colors in preparation for its relocation under BRAC to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, after 38 years at APG during a dual ceremony at McBride Parade Field May 6.

May 20

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces it will turn over the first two completed buildings as part of Phase I in the Army Team C4ISR Center of Excellence campus to the APG garrison by the end of May.

Stakeholders gather to sign final steel beam for the new U.S. Army Research Laboratory Vehicle Technology Directorate facility. The building is projected to be completed by May 2011.

May 27

The 61st Ordnance Brigade and Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

The transfer of the Ordnance Museum to Fort Lee, Va., was a significant part of APG’s Transformation in 2010. The K-5 giant railroad gun known as Anzio Annie was moved in December after 65 years at APG. The famed T-Bomb that once stood in front of the Ordnance Museum left in June.

cases its colors, symbolizing the movement of the brigade and the 16th Ordnance Battalion to Fort Lee, Va., to join the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools which relocated under BRAC.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band conducts its final change of command at APG before relocating with AMC to Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

June 24

The T-12 general purpose bomb that stood in front of the Ordnance Museum is removed June 21 for cleaning and repainting before shipment to the new Home of Ordnance at Fort Lee, Va.

The APG Garrison assumes ownership of the first BRAC C4ISR building

from USACE during a June 10 ceremony. Col. Andrew Nelson, deputy garrison commander for Transformation, and representatives from the Directorate of Public Works, lead the ceremony.

The new Army Personnel Security Investigation Center of Excellence officially stands up at APG after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Fanshaw Field June 8.

July 8

DPW chief Tom Kuchar leads breakfast celebrating the Building Occupancy Date of the first C4ISR building under BRAC.

CECOM commander, Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong greets drivers of the first two trucks transporting C4ISR compo-

nents from New Jersey to APG at Fort Monmouth’s McAfee Center June 17.

July 15

DPW oversees the removal of salvageable objects like doors and window frame, from Bldg. 310, the former post headquarters, which is slated for partial demolition later in the year.

BRAC organizations change charters as relocation continues. Lt. Col. Gregory H. Coile becomes incoming project manager, Multi-Channel Satellite Terminals and Lt. Col. Brian J. Lytle assumes duties as project manager, Strategic Battle Command, both part of the Program Executive Officer,

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A Year of Change

Some came in. Some went out. Installation personnel, community members and the APG leadership welcomed and bid farewell to local leaders during several key changes of command during the year 2010. Some leaders retired, and some took the reins at other locations throughout the world. For more infor-

mation about the ingoing and outgoing commanders as published in the APG News, visit the newspaper's online archive at <http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/>, click on ARCHIVES, then click on the date that corresponds with the appropriate change of command.

April 29

Capt. Ginger G. Hammerquist assumes command of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground from Mathieu N. Petraitis during a change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay April 12.



Hammerquist

May 13

Col. Scott D. Kimmel replaces Col. Maria R. Gervais as commander of U.S. Army Environmental Command during a ceremony at McBride Parade Field May 6.



Kimmel

May 20

Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commander of the U.S. Army Forces Command, accepts the organizational colors from Brig. Gen. Jeffery J. Snow of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command CBRNE Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives) during a traditional military relinquishment of command ceremony May 7 at McBride Parade Field on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.



Campbell

May 27

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Peter Gillies takes command over the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band from Chief Warrant Officer 4 Frederick Ellwein during the final change of command ceremony held at APG at the band's practice facility May 18.



Gillies



Armstrong

July 8

Col. Rachel A. Armstrong becomes the commander of

9th Area Medical Laboratory, taking over from Col. Terrell W. Blanchard during a change of command ceremony at McBride Parade Field June 28.



Coile

July 15

Organizations transitioning to the installation from Fort Monmouth, N.J. held change of charter ceremonies at Top of the Bay on July 8. Lt. Col. Gregory H. Coile assumes the duties of Product Manager, Multi-channel Satellite Terminals from Lt. Col. James E. Amsler Jr. during a change of charter ceremony.



Lyttle

Later in the day, Lt. Col. Brian J. Lyttle assumed the duties of Product Manager, Strategic Battle Command from Lt. Col. Kevin Leonard during a change of charter ceremony.



Smith

July 22

Brig. Gen. Leslie C. Smith assumes command of 20th Support Command Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-yield Explosives (CBRNE) during a traditional military assumption of command ceremony at the Edgewood Area McBride Parade Field July 8.



Schultheiss

Aug. 5

Col. Peter J. Schultheiss assumes command of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense from Col. Harry F. Slife Jr. during an outdoor ceremony July 16.



Strayer

Lt. Col. Kenneth W. Strayer assumes the title of product manager from Eric Goodman, outgoing product manager for

the Project Manager Network Systems' Integration, Battle Command during a change of charter ceremony at Top of the Bay July 23.



Zuehlke

Col. Robert K. Zuehlke takes over the APG Ground Dental Clinic Command from outgoing commander Col. David J. Kryszak during a change of command ceremony at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center July 23.



Kyburz

Sept. 9

Lt. Col. Kelly Kyburz takes command of the Joint Personal Effects Depot from Lt. Col. L. Scott Kilmon Jr. during a ceremony at Top of the Bay Aug. 27.



Dellarocco

Nov. 11

Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco assumes leadership of the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) from Dr. James Streilein during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground Oct. 28.

Dec. 17

David Jimenez assumes leadership of the Army Developmental Test Command (DTC) from Mike Etzinger during a ceremony at APG Dec. 17.



Jimenez

Jimenez was promoted to the Senior Executive Service. Etzinger now leads the Army Evaluation Center (AEC).

APG forges ahead in 2010 with BRAC

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Command, Control, Communications-Tactical, PEO-C3T, during July 8 charter ceremonies.

Army Community Service and Child, Youth and School Services offices relocate to Bldg. 2503 on Highpoint Road due to planned demolition of Bldgs. 2752 and 2754.

Edward C. Thomas, CECOM deputy to the commander, hosts the first hail ceremony at APG for C4ISR reorganizations which include CECOM, the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC); CECOM Contracting Center (CECOM-CC); and ASA/ALT Team Members Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications – Tactical (PEO C3T); Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S) and Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS).

Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron, of the U.S. Air Force Detachment, a part of OMMS, hosts its final graduation before the detachment relocates to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, due to BRAC.

During a June 28 change of charter ceremony at Top of the Bay, Col. Keith Hirschman accepts leadership of the Project Manager for Aerial Common Sensors.

July 22

With the departure of the 61st Ordnance Brigade and 16th Ordnance Battalion from the Aberdeen Area, the post’s Central Issue Facility, Directorate of Logistics, relocates to Bldg. E5705 in the Edgewood Area to better support the installation’s remaining Soldiers.

July 29

RDECOM headquarters relocates from the Edgewood Area to the former OC&S headquarters in Bldg. 3071. RDECOM and APG commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, deputy commander Brig. Gen. Harry Greene and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin take up residence July 26.

Aug. 5

Lt. Col. Kenneth W. Strayer becomes the Project Manager Network Systems’ Integration, Battle Command product manager during a change of charter ceremony at Top of the Bay July 23.

Aug. 12

On July 8, contractors move the final piece of structural steel into place, topping off the Edgewood Area’s Non-Medical Chemical-Biological facility, headquarters of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD).

Aug. 19

NCOA removes its signs and emblems Aug. 11 and conducts a discontinuation ceremony in Dickerson Hall at the Ball Conference Center Aug 12. The remaining cadre from the academy’s Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course departs APG this week to take up residence at the new home of the OC&S at Fort Lee, Va. The Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course relocated in 2009.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dining Facility in Bldg. 4503 opens to military retirees, Department of Defense civilians and U.S. Army contractors, effective Aug. 11, in accordance with an Installation Management Command memorandum.

Members and guests celebrate the final graduation of an OMMS Warrant Officers Course at APG as classes 06-10 and 007-10 receive their diplomas during a July 27 ceremony.

Sept. 9

The Joint Personal Effects Depot welcomes incoming commander, Lt. Col. Kelly Kyburz and farewells retiring commander, Lt. Col. L. Scott Kilmon, Jr. during a change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay Aug. 27.

Sept. 30

General Dynamics C4 Systems opens a new field office in the Government and Technology Enterprise, GATE, office complex during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 17. The office, a business unit of the General Dynamics Company, relocated to Aberdeen Proving Ground from Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Picerne Military Housing breaks ground for the beginning of site development and construction for 210 new homes in the Bayside neighborhood during a Sep. 30 ceremony.

Oct. 21

The Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District completes the first phase of its largest ever construction project – the \$800 million multiphase program to build the C4ISR campus at APG – and announces military and civilian personnel are moving into several buildings on the campus.

General contractor Foulger – Pratt puts the final beam in place for the future headquarters of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command during an Oct. 1 Topping Out ceremony and celebration.

The Harford Community College Education & Training Center officially opens during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Government and Technology Enterprise (GATE) office park Sept. 28.

Oct. 28

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command unfurls its colors at APG inside the new \$800 million, 2.5 million square-foot campus during an Oct. 22 ceremony. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, CECOM commander, leads the ceremony.

Nov. 11

Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco brings the ATEC flag to APG from Fort Myer, Va., during his assumption/change of command ceremony. ATEC is the higher headquarter to DTC and ATC.

Nov. 18

The face of APG continues to change with the demolition of Bldg. E5282, a former laboratory in the Edgewood Area Nov. 1, in accordance with the Facility Reduction Program, which calls for the removal of dilapidated or excess properties from military installations.

2010
YEAR IN
REVIEW

YEAR IN PICTURES

It has been said that people try to grab pieces of their lives as they speed past. Photographs help us freeze and hold on to those moments. APG News and other local photographers have captured thousands of images throughout the year on and around Aberdeen Proving Ground. Those images represent the growth and transformation of Aberdeen Proving Ground, the candid moments family members share, the official ceremonies and the entertainment value of the shows and performances we've hosted and attended on the installation. They range from sports snapshots to pictures of our holiday events and observances, military training and environmental efforts. Those images have recorded for us new beginnings as the garrison welcomes new organizations, and they have recorded the end of an era as we have farewelled units and organizations departing as part of Base Realignment and Closure. To view and download just a fraction of those moments, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> and <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom>.

(From left) Pvts. Alec Bagdu and Brandon Knudsen of Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion walk past a pile of plowed snow by the Burger King parking lot, a result of an unexpected snowfall that buried Harford County under 20 to 30 inches of snow Feb. 5 and 6. Approximately another foot of snow was forecast for Feb. 9 and 10.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

JPED teammates, from right, Allen Warfield, 8, and Manu Cooper, 11, watch the action as JPED's Davon Growckson, center, is sandwiched during double-team coverage by 22d Chemical's Wayne Goode, left, and Montague Williams, 32 during their intramural basketball game in March. The 22d Chemical Battalion went on to win the 2010 intramural basketball post championship.

Joseph Senarski gets help while at bat from Spc. Rusty Farias, a Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers volunteer coach, during a League of Dreams game at the Child, Youth and School Services baseball field July 24. The Aberdeen Proving Ground inaugural baseball program for special needs youth concluded with a League of Dreams All Star Game at Ripken Stadium in August.

Photo by Spc. Carolos Rios



(At left) Spc. Seth Chouinard, sprays decontamination solution on Staff Sgt. Edward Bell to remove possible contamination during the 22d Chemical Battalion's situational training exercise competition Aug. 3. Bell and Chouinard are members of a Chemical Response team assigned to the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort).

Photo by Sgt 1st Class JB Jaso III, 22d Chemical Battalion

(At right) 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow leads the Free State Challenge Academy color guard presentation of the colors during the opening ceremonies of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Armed Forces Day Celebration on the grounds of the Ordnance Museum May 14. The color guard members from left are Kyle Teat, Derrick Boyd, Christopher Fuller, Matthew Cooper, John Hudson, Talia Hopkins, Briia Claiborne, Saiquan Brown.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



From left, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Harry Rauch of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; Susan Bilhorn, senior vice-president of Jacobs Engineering Corporation and Col. Timothy Gowan, former commander of the Maryland National Guard's 29th Combat Aviation Brigade look on silently as Douglas Mauzy, and widows Christina Gray, and Trudy Henry, embrace in front of a memorial to the victims of the May 2009 tank fire accident during the dedication of the Mark. A. Henry Firing Range and the Joseph E. Gray Operations Center at the former H-Field test site May 21. Mauzy is the lone survivor of the accident.

Photo courtesy of ATC

Post Shorts

Aberdeen Road Gate hours extended

Starting Jan. 3, the Aberdeen Road Gate in the Aberdeen Area will be open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on duty days, for outbound traffic only.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield visits Jan. 11

A claim representative from the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield will visit APG Jan. 11 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 314, Room 151E, and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. E4520, Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Teri Wright at 410-278-4331.

Post phone prefix changes Jan. 18

Beginning Jan. 18, dialing off post will change. Back in May, the commercial prefix was changed from 9 to 99. This led to some issues when on several occasions people misdialed, accidentally calling 911 when attempting to reach non-emergency numbers.

To correct this issue, beginning Jan. 18 the new commercial prefix is as follows:

Commercial Numbers 9-7
Long Distance Numbers 9-7-1

The DSN dialing prefix, 94, will not change. Additionally, the emergency call number, 911, will stay the same.

APG employees should ensure their organizational publications reflect the new numbers. For information, call Carrie Silbernagel at 410-306-1310.

Italian Specialty Meal Jan. 18

The Italian Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility in Bldg. 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility in Bldg. E4225 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Jan. 18.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$4.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civil-

ians, retirees and guests. The discount meal rate of \$3.65 applies to spouses and Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Italian Specialty Meal Menu includes minestrone soup, spaghetti w/ choice of meatballs or Italian sausage, assorted pizza, pesto shrimp fettucine, chicken parmesan, vegetable lasagna, garlic roasted potato wedges, Italian vegetable combo,, deep fried eggplant, zesty rotini salad, Italian style pasta salad, assorted salad bar, toasted garlic bread, assorted breads, assorted desserts, soft serve ice cream w/ assorted toppings and assorted beverages.

The menu is subject to change without notification. For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green at 410-278-3142/3892.

CFC campaign extended

The 2010 Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign has been extended. With this extension, the solicitation period will run through Jan. 7. Aberdeen Proving Ground has raised \$475,000 for local, national, and international charities so far, and expect to exceed their goal of \$485,000. Donors can pledge online (www.cfcnexus.org/_chesapeake) through Jan. 14. Paper pledges will be accepted through February.

Volunteers needed for research study

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is seeking male volunteers between ages 18 and 35 to participate in a study assessing how well individuals can detect vibrations produced by vibrators held next to the head by a head band.

Hair must be short and conform to military regulations. The vibrators in the study are similar to those used in cell phones. The task will be to detect the vibrations while sitting, walking and jogging.

The aim of the study is to develop ways of presenting information to Soldiers. By volunteering, participants will influence the development of a new communication method.

Time commitment is one hour. Non-government civilians will be paid \$20 per hour for their time. For males in the military, no compensation will be provided, other than helping further research that benefits troops.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Kimberly Myles at 410-278-5998 or kim.myles@us.army.mil.

2011-2012 Acquisition University Senior Service College Fellowship program accepting applications through March 15

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is currently accepting applications for the 2011-2012 SSCF Program through March 15.

Over the course of 10 months, the program provides leadership and acquisition training to prepare senior level government civilians at the GS-14/15 level or equivalent for senior leadership roles such as product and project managers, program executive officers and other key acquisition leadership positions.

For complete program information and application requirements, visit <http://asc.army.mil/default.cfm> under Events and on the Fellowship website at www.dau.mil/sscf.

Contact Jim Oman at 703-254-3255 or james.oman@dau.mil for more information.

Flu vaccine available for troops, civilians

Influenza vaccine is available at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic for TRICARE beneficiaries and Department of Defense civilians on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-ins are welcome. Hours of operation for the immunization clinic is 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Patients who are receiving the vaccine must be observed for possible allergic reactions and should arrive before 4 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-1746.

NAF Open Season begins

All enrollment options will be available during Open Season to regular full-time and part-time employees with the exception of Long Term Care which will be available only with Evidence of Insurability.

Health plan participants must enroll their dependent children, age 19-26 who were previously enrolled but aged out of coverage at 19, dependents who were never enrolled because they were over 18, and dependents age 19-26 who were covered as a full-time student.

If you have dependents ages 19-26 failure to update your records during Open Season will result in these children not being eligible for coverage until the next Open Season.

FSA's also require yearly election. Since employees will need a variety of information and/or documents, they should contact NAF Human Resources Office, 410-278-5127/8992/8994 to

arrange an appointment as soon as possible if they wish to add dependents and/or update their records.

Changes requiring Open Season eligibility will be effective Jan. 1, 2011 provided the employee is actively at work.

Starting Small Business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will sponsor four sessions of How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 2, May 4, Aug. 3 and Nov. 2 at Child, Youth and School Services, Bldg. 2503.

The free 90-minute program provides an overview of starting a business, successful entrepreneurship and how to write a strategic business plan.

This sessions are open to DoD cardholders, including contractors and retirees, and Family members and guests. Space is limited.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Marilyn Howard at 410/278-9669/7572.

Spouses Club seeking fave recipes for new cookbook

The Military and Civilian Spouse Club is looking for recipes to include Family favorites, entertaining delights, holiday specials, and more for a new MCSC cookbook. It has been almost 10 years since the last cookbook.

Anyone affiliated with APG or in the local community can turn in their favorite recipes. Pre-orders are being accepted now. Save \$2.50 per book by ordering now. Cookbooks will have a padded cover with artwork done by a local military Family member.

Cookbooks will be in a three-ring binder with stand and include 300 to 400 recipes. The MCSC Cookbook with stand costs \$15 each or \$25 each with a CD. Don't miss out.

Submit recipes and pre-order a book now. Simply mail recipes to APG MCSC Cookbook, PO Box 52, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005. Delivery date is April 2011.

For more information, call Annie Brock, 443-686-1484 or e-mail president@apgmcs.org.

Freedom Award nominations

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency opened nomination season for their annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award earlier this month.

Now through Jan. 17, Guard and Reserve service members and their Families are eligible and encouraged to nominate their supportive employers for this prestigious award at www.FreedomAward.mil.

More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.

LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Joan Campbell, 410-278-5668, e-mail joan.campbell@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Sarah Blevins	Thomas Garrett	Ella Patrick	Danielle Terrin
Debra Bonsall	Holly Geppi	Richard Pecoraro	Joya Tucker
Diane Bratton	Walter Holland	Christi Peterson	Jamie Turner
Georgia Braun	Michele Hornberger	Angel Quander	Luis Villafane
Jeanie Calles	Debra Ingram	Michele Reamey	Christina Weber
Clark Capers	Kari Jackson	Pedro Rodriguez	Emily Whaley
Michelle Davis	Jessica Knight	Maria Santiago	Fletcher "Chip" Williams
Jennifer Devorak	Shantiea Mack	Gloria Scott	Taryn Wilson
Meg Downey	Jocelyn Miller-Harris	Paul Shelley	Tammy Woodard
Wayne Erb	Ulrike Neyens	Lena Shelton	Bruce Woodmansee
Chris Edwards	Marie D. Nowak	Philip Sibley	Victoria Yates-Sparks
Sabrina Faulkner	Stephanie Parrett	Rachel Swearingen	

Community Notes

SATURDAY
JANUARY 8
WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the park home. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CRITTER DINNER TIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held at 1:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration required. For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

TO BUILD A FIRE

Learn the basics of winter survival from someone who lived in Alaska. Take a hike on the Discovery Trail and learn animal tracking, shelter building, and fire making skills in the heart of winter. This program will be held 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 12 to adult. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY
JANUARY 9
MICROSCOPE EXPLORATIONS

Take a closer look at what is happening in the estuary. Use microscopes to explore various plant and animal specimens to gain appreciation for the complexity of life in the estuary. This program will be held 12:30 to 2 p.m. for ages 11 to adult. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

PHOTOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO MARINER POINT PARK

Meet in the parking lot and then walk the easy trail to photograph the birds and other critters of Joppatowne at Mariner Point. Chickadees, Titmice, Cardinals, White-throated Sparrows, and Woodpeckers should be abundant. This program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 15 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MAKING ANITA’S QUILT

The quilt squares are crafted, the top has been assembled, and now it’s time for sandwiching and quilting. Novice and experienced quilters are needed to lend their loving hands to finalize the Estuary Center’s memory quilt. This free program will be held 2 to 5 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MONDAYS
JANUARY 10 THRU
FEBRUARY 28
NATURE TOTS

Explore and discover the natural world during the winter season through sensory activities, songs, movement and a short hike. This program will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 2 to 5 (with parent). The cost is \$30 per child. Registration is required. For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

NATURE KIDS

Explore and discover the natural world during the winter season through sensory activities, songs, movement and a short hike. This program will be held 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. for ages 3 to 5 (parent not required to stay if child is 4 or 5). The cost is \$30

per child. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

TUESDAY
JANUARY 11
AUSA MEETING

The AUSA monthly general membership meeting is set for Jan. 11. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Harold Greene, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and commanding general of the Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass.

Due to ongoing renovation at the Top of the Bay, AUSA will hold its January meeting at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

RSVP (with rank) is required, should be e-mailed to c2402@ausa.org and must be received by Jan. 7, the Friday before the event. Seating is limited, so please RSVP promptly to ensure attendance.

The cost is \$21 (non-refundable) and can be paid via PayPal. Multiple tickets and tables may be purchased via PayPal. To pay at the door, indicate this in your RSVP to help ensure an accurate headcount and seating availability.

This meeting may qualify for CLP.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 12
LOCAL FOOD - SAFE, SECURE AND GREEN

Food choices have environmental, social, and economic consequences. Join a Naturalist and a representative from Brad’s Produce to learn how local foods can be part of a green tool kit. Explore the possibility of picking up a weekly share of veggies at the Estuary Center as part of a Brad’s Produce Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. This free program will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. for adults. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 15
BONSAI BEAUTIES

Learn about bonsai plants, how to care for them, and start one to take home. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 10 to adult. Ages 10 to 14 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$6 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

ON SILENT WINGS

Come to Swan Harbor to listen for owls. Last year both Great Horned Owls and Eastern Screech Owls were heard. Please bring a flashlight and bundle up.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the sounds of the night but children must be able to be quiet when listening. This program will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. for Families. The cost is \$5 per Family. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY
JANUARY 16
BACKYARD BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn to attract birds to the backyard for feathery photography fun. Bird identification, feeder selection, food preferences, and tips for getting the best shots will be discussed.

This program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 15 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.

FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

Open Mike Thursday

APG community members can express themselves at the APG North Side Grill during Open Mike Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m., Jan. 27. Doors open at 4 p.m. Featured performers will lead the “Wide Open Mike” in categories including spoken word, vocals or instrumental. The grill will offer light fare. A full service snack menu, beer and wine will also be available. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Walk-ups are welcome.

For more information or to sign up, call 410-278-3854 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Spoken Word

The Spoken Word is a free program that gives youth the opportunity to learn how to express themselves through poetry, prose, song, writing and more. This is an intuitive and thought-provoking program open to all DoD-eligible youth and teens ages 11-18. This program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, through Jan. 25 at the Edgewood Area Youth Services, Bldg. 1903 and on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Aberdeen Area CYSS Conference Room, Bldg. 2503. Snacks and beverages will be provided. For more information or to register, call 410-278-7571/7479.

Taekwondo classes to begin

Join the Unity TaeKwonDo School of Martial Arts at APG.

Taekwondo promotes discipline, muscle toning and conditioning.

Classes will be held for ages 6 to 14 Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 24 to Feb. 16; Feb. 23 to March 21; and March 28 to April 18 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Bldg. 2522.

Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes will be held 6 to 6:45 p.m. for white belts through yellow belts and 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. for yellow with green stripe belts and above.

Cost is \$65 per students for a four-week session or \$150 per student for a 12-week session.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

Freestyle motocross event

Come see Nuclear Cowboy, the greatest cast of freestyle motocross riders ever, assemble and take their apocalyptic power to the massive ramps, conveying the action-packed narrative through choreographed, synchronized awe-inspiring tricks and the Nuclear CowgirlzSM Dancers.

The event will take place Jan. 15 at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$19. All seats are located in Section 217.

To purchase a ticket, visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil

For more information and seating chart, visit <https://www.baltimorearena.com/>

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, Bldg. 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID cardholders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Tots and Tutus

This toddler dance class is full of stimulation in sight, touch and sound.

Held 5:30 to 6 p.m. Fridays from Jan. 21 to Feb. 25, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Bldg. 2522, for ages 18 months to 2 and a half years.

This class is a wildly interactive introduction to dance for little ones. Adult participation is required. Open to DoD ID cardholders.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity TaeKwonDo School of Martial Arts at APG.

Parent participation is required. Cost to register is \$40 per person and classes are open to all DoD ID cardholders and Family members.

Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach the program. Classes will be held 5:30 to 6 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays Jan. 24 to Feb. 16; Feb. 23 to March 21; and March 28 to April 18.

The Tiny Tiger program is an age-appropriate version of taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and charac-

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29 per person

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali’s Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUSAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Board horses at APG Stables

The APG stables are a self-care boarding facility located in the Edgewood Area, Bldg. E5286, for privately owned horses of military and civilian employees, retirees and Family members.

All patrons must have a valid military or installation ID card.

Monthly stall fees include:
Four turn-out pastures
Lighted riding arena
Water troughs in each pasture
Run-in sheds
Barn with water and electricity
Tack rooms, grain room and hay storage provided

For more information or to sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/stables.html.

Group seeking talent for community theater

The APG Community Theater Group needs actors, singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, choral, stage crew (sound, lighting, photography and more).

For more information, call or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Medieval Times discount tickets available through Leisure Travel

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md.

Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

APG Running Club

The APG Sports and Fitness Branch has begun a Running Club for organized weekly runs. Club members

meet 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and 5 p.m. every Thursday at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. Dan Dolce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator, oversees the club. For more information, contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or e-mail, dan.dolce@us.army.mil.

Discount tickets for APG Tickets available for Toby’s Dinner Theatre

Toby’s Dinner Theatre has two locations: Best Western Hotel and Conference Center located on 5625 O’Donnell Street, Baltimore and 4900 Symphony Woods Road, Columbia, Md. (South Entrance Road between Route 29 and Little Patuxent Parkway). Shows are open to all DoD ID cardholders.

Columbia shows

Upcoming shows include “Hair-spray”, through Aug. 10, 2011; Nunsense, Sept. 23 through Sept. 9, 2011; Rent, Sept. 23 through Sept. 9, 2011; and Cinderella, Nov. 18 through Jan. 23, 2012.

Sunday through Thursday, tickets cost \$45.50 per person for adults and \$32 for children; Fridays, tickets cost \$47 per person for adults and \$32.75 for children; Saturdays, \$50 for all ages; and Sunday matinees: \$45 per person for adults and \$32 for children.

Prices expire June 23, 2011. Prices are subject to change without notice. Reservations must be made at the time of purchase.



Spoken Word

How often have our youth and teens searched for ways to communicate with their parents, other adults and even their friends? Some kids find it easy to bring their thoughts out and communicate with people while some crawl into a shell frightened of what others may think. In January, the EDGE program brings to our youth and teens the “Spoken Word”, a program which teaches and allows youth and teens to show self-expression through poetry, prose, the oral word, body language and much, much more. Locally renowned teacher Larry O’Neal brings

his abilities and teachings to our APG community to assist our kids in reaching their true value and self-worth. There are many ways to communicate with others, but through the “Spoken Word”, they can learn to express themselves effectively and completely.

This innovative participatory program is offered on Tuesdays, Jan 4-25, 4:00-6:00pm, at the Edgewood Youth Center and on Thursdays, January 6-27, 4:00-6:00pm at the Child, Youth and School Services Building conference room, Bldg 2503 (next to Kirk Clinic). Registrations are now being taken at the Parent Central Registration Office in the CYSS Bldg. Call 410-278-7571/7479 for more details. Parents are also invited to attend the last session of the program with their youth or teen to hear what they have to say!!



Resume Writing 101

A Resume Writing Workshop will be held for teens ages 15 to 18, 6 p.m., Jan. 6, at the CYSS Administration Bldg. 2503. Students will identify and script their skills, knowledge and character traits to develop a personal resume.

Dress for Success

Dress for Success for Teens will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Jan 20 at the CYSS Administrative Bldg. 2503. Teens will learn how to dress appropriately for an interview and a job.

Teens explore True Colors

Exploring True Colors will be held for ages 15 to 18, 6 to 7 p.m., Jan. 13, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Bldg. 2522. The True Colors Per-

sonality Assessment provides easy to understand insights into participants behavioral style and personality type and those of others.

Stevenson University Campus Tour

Tour Stevenson University in Stevenson, Md., Jan. 22. For high school teens only. Sign up at CYSS Central Registration. Teens will depart the youth center, Bldg. 2522, at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 14. Bring money for lunch. Space is limited to 10 teens.

Teen Interview Skills

This class will be held for teens ages 15 to 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Jan. 27 at the CYSS Administrative Bldg. 2503. Teens will learn to successfully conduct job interviews.

To register for these programs, register at Bldg. 2503 Central Registration. For more information APG HIRED! Program Coordinator, call Jay McKinney at 410-278-3250.

January bowling specials

- Early Bird Special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Monday to Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., bowl for \$.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$32. Shoe rental costs \$1.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$3.50 and bowl one game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.

Please call for availability of lanes on discounted days/hours.

Youth bowling

There are openings for all ages for the kids league. Call or visit the Bowling Center now to join.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Jan. 3

Special #1: Chicken parmesan on roll with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.
Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with soup, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

Week of Jan. 10

Special #1: Double bacon cheese burger with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.
Special #2: Roast beef sandwich on Kaiser roll with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.





Year in Army Photos

This annual year-end special features the best of Army.mil’s feature photos, drawn from a variety of Defense Department sources. These photos capture the essence of America’s Army - the Soldiers and their Families - the Strength of the Nation. To view all of the selected photos for 2010 and previous years, visit <http://www.army.mil/yearinphotos/2010/>. To see and download Army photos from around the world, check out the U.S. Army’s photostream on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/soldiersmediacenter/>.



Photo by Sgt. Sean Mathis

Five-year-old Maddie Lovell clings to her father, Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Lovell, of 585th Military Police Company, during a welcome home ceremony, at Marysville High School, in Marysville, Ohio, Aug. 13, 2010.



Navy photo by MC3 Travis K. Mendoza

Former Soldier Melissa Stockwell, from Chicago, speaks to her fellow injured servicemembers during one of the annual Paralympic Military Sports Camps at Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego. Stockwell has been an advocate for military sports camps since she was injured more than six years ago while serving on active duty in the Army.



Sgt. Richard A. Darvial (kneeling), a combat medic, takes cover while Spc. Corey C. Canterbury, a mortar man, fires mortars from a mountain top overlooking the Ganjgal Valley in eastern Afghanistan’s Kunar Province, Dec. 11, 2010. Both Soldiers are assigned to Bayonet Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, Task Force No Slack, and were supporting Operation Eagle Claw II.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell



DoD's Top Stories

Defense.gov names No. 1 stories of 2010, ranging from gays in military to health care

By **NAVY LT. JENNIFER CRAGG**
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In 2010, **Defense.gov** published nearly 3,000 stories ranging from TRICARE health care benefits to the status of gays serving openly in the military to the Defense Department budget. The top 10 stories most viewed on **Defense.gov** may surprise you.

The top 10 stories most viewed on **Defense.gov** this year are:

10. “Pentagon Changes Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Enforcement,” posted March 25, further explains Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates’ announcement regarding changes to the Pentagon’s regulation on gays serving openly in the military.

9. “Obama to Award Medal of Honor to Afghan War Vet,” posted Sept. 10, highlights the significance of this award. The Medal of Honor would be bestowed for the first time to a living veteran of the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta received a phone call from President Barack Obama Sept. 9, thanking him for his service. Obama informed the infantryman that he would receive the nation’s highest award for his service and extraordinary bravery in battle.

The event occurred Oct. 25, 2007, in eastern Afghanistan’s Korengal Valley. Giunta was a specialist at the time and rifle team leader. He served in Company B, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based out of Vicenza, Italy.

8. The Defense.gov story, “Wikileaks Has Yet to Contact ‘Competent Authorities,’” posted Aug. 18, provides an update on the Web site that published tens of thousands of classified documents.

7. “Legislation Extends Special Stop-Loss Pay Deadline,” posted on Oct. 1, references Obama’s signed legislation extending the Retroactive Stop-Loss Special Pay deadline.

6. “Tricare Meets Health Care Bill’s



Photo by Pfc. Jeremy Bratt

New York Jets fans give a standing ovation to Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, and his wife Jennifer, during the second quarter of the New York Jets’ game against the Houston Texans, Nov. 21.

Standards, Gates Says,” posted March 22, explained how the health-care reform bill that the House of Representatives passed meets the military standards of health care. Calling their health and well-being his highest priority, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates reassured servicemembers and their families that the legislation wouldn’t have a negative effect on Tricare, which “already meets the bill’s quality and minimum benefit standards.”

5. The Defense.gov story “Obama Reaches out to Veterans ‘You Earned It,’” posted on Sept. 15, featured Obama’s message encouraging service members and veterans who were involuntarily retained in the military under the so-called “stop loss” program to get the retroactive pay they deserve.

4. “Researchers Examine Video Game Benefits,” posted Jan. 25, examined research under way by the Office of Naval Research that indicates video games can help adults process information faster and improve their fundamental abilities to reason and solve problems in novel contexts.

It once was widely believed that after the age of 20, most humans had achieved their brain cell capacity, and that new brain cells were acquired at the expense of existing ones. But conventional beliefs about brain plasticity and aging are changing.

3. “‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ Online Box Goes Live,” posted May 5, explains a new online inbox that enables service members and their families to comment anonymously about the impact of a pos-

sible repeal of the law that bans gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

2. The Defense.gov story “Gates Puts Meat on Bones of Department Efficiencies Initiative,” posted Aug. 9, highlighted Gates’ effort to put meat on the bones of his initiative to reform the way the Pentagon does business and to eliminate duplicative, unnecessary overhead costs.

1. The Defense.gov story “Gates, Mullen Urge Participation in Survey,” posted July 8, highlighted the importance of getting the opinions of those who would be most affected by a possible repeal of the so-called don’t ask, don’t tell law. Gates urged servicemembers to provide their input.



Kick off the New Year with All American Bowl, longest running high school game – broadcast live Saturday on NBC

Army bowl to showcase family’s love of football

By **ROB MCILVAINE**
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The U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the longest-running active high school all-American game, will showcase 90 athletes in an East-West match up at San Antonio’s Alamodome in Texas Jan. 8. The game will also be televised live on NBC and the Armed Forces Network at 1 p.m. that Saturday (EDT).

One of those high school all-star players will be paired with a Soldier Hero who also happens to be his half brother, sharing a father who was an NFL great.

In addition to the game, the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, composed of 125 of the nation’s top high school marching musicians - nominated by their band directors and auditioned by the National Association for Music Education - will perform at halftime.

First played on Dec. 30, 2000, at Highlander Stadium in Dallas, Texas, the game has since been played annually inside the Alamodome.

Selection as a U.S. Army All-American is considered an important and prestigious honor for these athletes and musicians who embody the characteristics of the Army-Strong Soldier -demonstrating strength through loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage on a daily basis.

The bowl and Rivals.com, who ranks and selects the top players, has been so successful over the years that currently more than 150 former Army All-American high school players play in the National Football League, including more than 40 first-round picks.



George Atkinson III carries the ball during a Granada High School game. He will play in the Army All-American Bowl Jan. 8.

Just as this bowl has produced NFL players, one former Oakland Raiders player has produced a high school gridiron warrior chosen for the 2011 Army bowl.

The son of feared Raiders safety George Atkinson - George Atkinson III - is making quite a name for himself in the defensive backfield.

According to Rivals.com, “he already has great size and could move down to linebacker if he adds more weight. However, with the speed he possess-

es now, Atkinson is an elite safety who stands out as a return man for Granada High School, totaling 1,200 all-purpose yards.

George “Butch” Henry Atkinson, a strong safety for the Oakland Raiders from 1968 to 1977 and current radio host of the Raiders’ pre- and post-game shows, has raised his boys with the same love for the game. In fact, he took on the position of assistant coach when his twin boys, George III and Josh, began their varsity careers at Granada High in Liver-

more, Calif., in 2008.

“Even though my kids love football, I stress to them that life goes on after the game. They both have their dreams of playing for the NFL, but they know that getting an education first is more important,” he said.

Both George and Josh will begin their college careers at Notre Dame this coming fall.

Playing football, George said, is just like being a Soldier. You need to be prepared mentally.

“The proudest moment, for me, was when I saw George III in his uniform, playing for the Pop Warner football team in California when he was about 11 years old. But then I’m proud of all nine of my children. They’ve all done well, from nurses and a lawyer to a Naval Academy graduate and an Army career,” said Atkinson, who will be in the stands on game day.

Pop Warner, which requires strong academics, is the largest and oldest national youth football, cheer and dance organization in the U.S.

At 6’2” and 194 lbs, George will play defensive back for the West team.

“This is a definite honor to be selected to play. It’s a dream come true,” said George who wants to play for the NFL just like his dad, after he earns his degree in business administration.

This year’s bowl promises to provide the thousands in attendance and millions more watching on NBC an unforgettable look at the future of college and professional football, according to Accessions Command.



Best of the Best

Charles Dickens said it best: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way -- in short, the period was so far like the present period ...

Truly, 2010 was a year of contradictions. It started on a Friday and was the tenth year of the third millennium and of the 21st century, and the first of the 2010s decade.

At its beginning, there was death—that of iconic American author J.D. Salinger on Jan. 27. At its paradoxical end, there was life as NASA announced the discovery of an arsenic-based life form in California Dec. 2. And every day in between brought endless surprises that ranged from religious and political scandals to manmade and natural disasters, all of which gave us cause for pause. All in all, it was very different, and just the same as any year.

The *APG News* staff would like to thank you—the readers—for making our efforts worthwhile. We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to bringing you the news in 2011.

Top 10 U.S. News Stories

www.time.com

1. The BP Oil Spill- The worst oil spill in the history of the petroleum industry started on Apr. 20, after an explosion at the BP-run Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig, gushed close to 5 million barrels of crude into the Gulf's waters until it was sufficiently capped on July 15.

2. The Rise of the Tea Party- A group of anti-big government activists and heartland conservatives, the Tea Party loomed large over the political scene in 2010.

3. Health Care Reform- The controversial Affordable Care Act, passed

by Congress and signed into law in March.

4. The Economy- Unemployment hovered doggedly near 10 percent while foreclosures exceeded 2009 projections.

5. U.S. Islamophobia- The furor over the "Ground Zero Mosque" tapped into a widespread moment of anti-Muslim feeling in the country.

6. McChrystal and the War in Afghanistan- Rolling Stone's in-



depth June profile of Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. military commander in Afghanistan. McChrystal resigned after the interview fallout.

7. Arizona's Immigration Laws- In April, Arizona's legislature passed the "Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods" Act, dubbed Arizona SB 1070. The bill made it a state misdemeanor for an alien not carrying immigration documents.

8. US-China Tensions- 2010

saw a dramatic hardening of U.S. China relations.

9. The Arrival of the iPad- In April Steve Jobs launched his iPad, which became the benchmark for all other eReaders and kickstarted a trend that may lead to the end of personal computing as we know it.

10. The Supreme Court Sides With Citizens United- In January, the Supreme Court upheld the right for operations to spend money influencing political campaigns, ruling that these entities ought to have the same First Amendment rights as individuals to engage in "political speech."

Top 10 CARS

Consumerreports.org

1. Lexus LS 460L
2. BMW 135i (manual)
3. Porsche 911 Carrera S (manual)
4. Mazda5 Grand Touring
5. Infiniti G37 Journey
6. Infiniti M37
7. Nissan Altima 3.5 SR (V6)
8. Chevrolet Corvette Z06 (manual)
9. Hyundai Genesis 3.8
10. Nissan Altima 2.5 S (4-cyl.)



Top 10 FILMS

Roger Ebert, film critic

1. The Social Network
2. The King's Speech
3. Black Swan
4. I Am Love
5. Winter's Bone
6. Inception
7. The Secret in Their Eyes
8. The American
9. The Kid's Are All Right
10. The Ghost Writer

Think you know who has a shot at an Oscar? Keep an eye out for the *APG News'* Academy Award nominations and predictions.



Top 10 Books

www.nytimes.com/2010/12/12/books/review/10-best-books-of-2010.html

1. Freedom, by Jonathan Franzen. A vividly realized narrative set during the Bush years.
2. The New Yorker Stories, by Ann Beattie.
3. Room, by Emma Donoghue.
4. Selected Stories, by William Trevor.
5. A Visit from the Goon Squad, by Jennifer Egan.
6. APOLLO'S ANGELS: A History of Ballet, by Jennifer Homans.
7. Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff.
8. The Emperor of All Maladaies by Siddhartha Mukherjee.
9. Finishing The Hat: Collected Lyrics (1954-1981) With Attendant Comments, Principles, Heresies, -Grudges, Whines and Anecdotes by Stephen Sondheim.
10. The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson.

Top 10 SONGS

www.billboard.com

1. TIK TOK by Ke\$ha
2. NEEDYOU NOW by Lady Antebellum
3. HEY, SOUL SISTER by Train
4. CALIFORNIA GURLS by Katy Perry featuring Snoop Dogg
5. OMG by Usher featuring will.i.am
6. AIRPLANES by B.o.B Featuring Hayley Williams
7. LOVE THE WAY YOU LIE by Eminem featuring Rihanna
8. BAD ROMANCE by Lady Gaga
9. DYNAMITE by Taio Cruz
10. BREAK YOUR HEART by Taio Cruz featuring Ludacris

Top 10 Toys

www.time.com

1. Sing-a-ma-jigs- The singing dolls each belt out a different note when their stomachs are pressed.

2. Morphology- Not unlike Pictionary, Morphology requires players to create an image for teammates to identify, but instead of pad and paper, you've got to dip into the goody bag.

3. LEGO Board Games- LEGO has infiltrated family game night with a line of board games that combine dice play with LEGO construction.

4. Toy Story Mania- Plug it directly into your TV, put on the special glasses and grab the motion activated controller to journey into the Toy Story universe.

5. Paper Jamz- A range of guitars, drums and amps with unique paper thin technology that turns anyone into an instant rock star.

6. Doodle Track Car- Draw a line and Doodle Track Car will follow.

7. Fisher Price Kid Tough Digital Camera- A durable, kid-friendly camera with rubberized casing.

8. Razor Sole Skate- A the small, but agile skateboard replacement.

9. Computer Engineer Barbie- Dolls and accessories empower girls to play out different roles and try on fabulous careers.

10. Disney Princess & Me Doll- Hand-sculpted faces with matte porcelain finish, the 18-inch dolls are recreations of famous Disney princesses.



Top (& Bottom) 10 WEB SEARCHES

google.com

Searching for something? You're not alone. Google listed the fast rising and fastest falling searches for 2010 as follows:

Google's Fastest Rising Searches

1. iPad
2. chatroulette
3. iphone 4
4. world cup
5. Justin Bieber
6. myxer
7. facebook
8. grooveshark
9. glee
10. mocospace



Google's Fastest Falling Searches

1. swine flu
2. wamu
3. cash for clunkers
4. new moon
5. Susan Boyle
6. circuit city
7. myspace
8. Michael Jackson
9. Stephanie Meyer
10. northwest airlines

Top 10 NAMES

www.babycenter.com

Girls:

1. Sophia
2. Isabella
3. Olivia
4. Emma
5. Chloe
6. Ava
7. Lily
8. Madison
9. Addison
10. Abigail

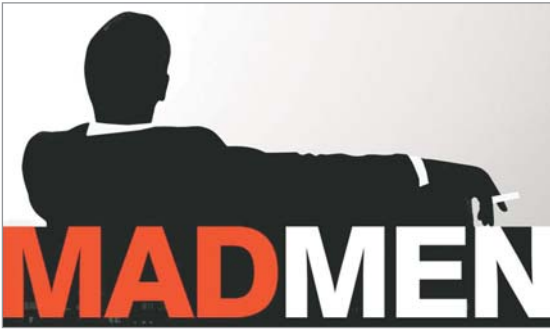
Boys:

1. Aiden
2. Jacob
3. Jackson
4. Ethan
5. Jayden
6. Noah
7. Logan
8. Caden
9. Lucas
10. Liam

Top 10 TV SHOWS

www.tvguide.com

1. Mad Men - The AMC hit's fourth season fully delivered on the promise of new beginnings, as Don Draper & Co. struggled to get Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce off the ground. The season posed the question: "Who is Don Draper?" We still don't know. We're still eager to find out.



2. The Good Wife- Not your average legal drama, it's CBS' version of smarter sexier series.

3. Justified- This FX adaptation of an Elmore Leonard short story got it right by sticking to the blueprint.

4. Boardwalk Empire- From the minds of Sopranos scribes Terrence Winter and Martin Scorsese come this HBO Prohibition era gangster tale.

5. Glee- There's no sophomore slump here. Fresh off its Emmy-winning first season, the show continues to pump out high-energy musical numbers and devilish comedy.

6. Breaking Bad- You'd be hard-pressed to find a show that has thrilled, chilled, entertained, shocked, awed and stirred us this year the way this AMC series did.

7. Modern Family- There's a reason why the breakout sitcom gave ABC its first Emmy win for a comedy series in 22 years.

8. Hawaii Five-o- TV reboots are always a tricky proposition, but CBS found a way to make it work.

9. The Walking Dead- Zombie drama! The show has found (and kept) a sizable audience, quickly becoming AMC's biggest hit.

10. Community- really found its stride during the second half of its freshman season with unforgettable and outlandish episodes.